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Welcome to the July 2005 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I would particularly like to welcome any new subscribers this month.

Hot and humid around here to mark the official arrival of summer. A belated Happy Canada Day to all our Canadian subscribers for July 1st and Happy Independence Day to our American subscribers for July 4th.

As I sat down to finalize the Newsletter this morning, the news broke of the terrorist attacks in London. As a result the Monthly Special Zone for July will feature some sites relating to news, information and updates from London on the situation.

My thoughts go out to family and friends of those affected by the events of today in London.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

"If you could attend a personal concert of one artist or group, alive or dead, still active or from the past, from any era, any style of music, what concert would it be?"

24 responses were received. Only one artist received more than one vote and that was the Beatles, with a total of 5 votes. A wide variety of names appeared, showing the diversity of musical tastes of our subscriber group; everyone from Bob Dylan, Muddy Waters, Cream, Bob Marley to Hank Williams, Count Basie, Enrico Caruso and July Garland. Thanks to those who participated.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's continue on a musical theme this month. I have always had a strong desire to learn how to play the piano. I dabble around a little on a small electronic keyboard and also play guitar a little. I'm curious to know how many musicians we have among us. So, our question this month is this.

Do you play any musical instrument? If so, which one(s)?

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@...

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Roy Clarke, Kingston, ON: (Commenting on the Geographic British Isles site in last month's Newsletter). A big thank you for this wonderful site. I was able to get a picture of the village school that I attended as a boy. I am now spending hours enjoying this site. It brings back a lot of wonderful memories for me.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Thanks to our 6 contributors for your input into this month's selection of web pages. It would be great to hear from more of you. Please feel free to send along a link or two to some of your favourite web pages that you would like to share with our readers.

Skip Arey, Beverly, New Jersey
Robert Cherry, Gatineau, Quebec
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Chuck Hutton, Seattle, Washington
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Eric Wolfe, Lebanon, Pennsylvania
Tracy Wood, Alexandria, Virginia

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

LONDON SUFFERS A TERRORIST ATTACK JULY 7, 2005

The following is a selection of websites for government, services and agencies in London and the U.K., all providing information regarding today's terrorist attacks.

METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICES

http://www.met.police.uk/

CITY OF LONDON POLICE

http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/index.html

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/

LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/

LONDON.GOV.UK

http://www.london.gov.uk/

This is the official website for the Mayor of London, the London Assembly and the Greater London Authority.

MI-5

http://www.mi5.gov.uk/

The official website of the U.K. Security Service

THE BBC'S HOME PAGE

http://www.bbc.co.uk/

LINKS TO U.K. AM & FM RADIO STATIONS FROM MEDIA UK

http://www.mediauk.com/directory/radio/index.html?platform=AM

http://www.mediauk.com/directory/radio/index.html?platform=FM

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THE JULY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.

Each month's page will feature an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual

monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of July.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July

Also, here are some special days in July:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

National Hot Dog Month

SPECIAL DAYS

4 U.S. Independence Day
5 - Venezuela, Independence Day
11 - World Population Day (UN)
17 National Ice Cream Day
20 - Colombia, Independence Day
28 - Peru, Independence Day

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

6 Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day
28 National Drive-Thru Day

VIA http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/July_2005.htm

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ASTRON CORPORATION

For performance, durability and dependability in a linear, switching or variable voltage power supply, Astron Corporation is a name to be trusted. Astron offers a wide variety of models. See the complete line on their web page at:

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THE RADIO ZONE

THE DX ZONE

http://www.dxzone.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A great resource for information on shortwave, amateur radio, CB radio, scanning, computer software, antique radios and more.

RADIO AMATEUR ONLINE

http://www.radioamateuronline.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site features almost 1200 Internet links to all things amateur radio related.

HAMSEXY

http://www.hamsexy.com/cms/index.php

VIA Robert Cherry, Gatineau, Quebec

I tuned my HT to VE2CRA, the repeater of the Ottawa Amateur Club. To my surprise, I heard a Canadian and American net that uses the IRLP. It is called the Hamsexy Net. Both the net and their website have nothing to do with sex. From the forum and the pictures on the Web site, it appears to be a bunch of middle aged guys who look at the lighter side of ham radio. Your readers who are hams might find the net and/or Web site interesting.

VHF ONLINE

http://www.vhfonline.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

An interactive multimedia website for the VHF enthusiast.

DIY MEDIA

http://www.diymedia.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page features micro-radio news, media collage, an FCC watch, and an A/V library.

RED STAR RADIO

http://oldradio.onego.ru/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

While tiny transistor radios are today's popular choice, Vitaly Brousnikin prefers the classic lines and the glowing green eyes of vintage tube radios. Though the 1940s saw many stylish cases, the 1950s were the real golden age of Soviet radios. Brousnikin's collection also features vintage record players and their predecessors, the gramophones, plus as well as speakers and microphones. Read detailed articles chronicling the history of Soviet home radio and Russian vacuum tubes, then tune in to the site's Info Center, a repository stuffed with schematics, manufacturer's emblems, tubes, valves, and more.

BROADCASTING HISTORY LINKS

http://www.midcoast.com/~lizmcl/links.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site contains a collection of articles and links dealing with various aspects of broadcasting.

SATELLITE POINTING ANGLES

http://www.global-cm.net/angindex.html

VIA Tracy Wood, Alexandria, Virginia

This page has a detailed listing of C-Band Satellite pointing angles for the entire geostationary arc.
Major cities with elevation and azimuth coordinates are to the nearest degree.

LYNGSAT

http://www.lyngsat.com/

VIA Tracy Wood, Alexandria, Virginia

Detailed information on satellite services with channels, frequencies, satellite info, etc.

PIZZA-THE WINDOWS GREAT CIRCLE MAPPING PROGRAMME

http://www.tonnesoftware.com/pizza.html

VIA Chuck Hutton, Seattle, Washington

This program allows both great-circle (polar) and rectangular projections of the world. The great-circle map is centered on any specified latitude and longitude (the "home" location). The rectangular projection is shown with the home longitude in the middle of the screen.

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For quality performance, strength and durability in construction, in a dual-band (VHF-UFH) base station antenna, the GP line of antennas from Comet remain some of the most popular models on the market today.

For details on the popular GP-3, GP-6 and GP-9 models, visit the NCG Company-Comet web page at:

http://www.cometantenna.com/products.php?CatID=1&famID=5&childID=4

These, and other popular Comet antennas, are available from Radio HF. Please contact us for availability and pricing on any Comet models.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SPACE ENVIRONMENT CENTER

http://www.sec.noaa.gov/

VIA Eric Wolfe, Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Space Environment Center continually monitors and forecasts Earth's space environment; provides accurate, reliable, and useful solar-terrestrial information; conducts and leads research and development programs to understand the environment and to improve services; advises policy makers and planners; plays a leadership role in the space weather community; and fosters a space weather services industry. Space Environment Center is the Nation's official source of space weather alerts and warnings.

DEEP IMPACT

http://deepimpact.jpl.nasa.gov/home/index.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Learn all about NASA's contact with comet Tempel 1

CURIOUS ABOUT ASTRONOMY

http://curious.astro.cornell.edu/index.php

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Ask an Astronomer is run by volunteers in the Astronomy Department at Cornell University. There are several astronomers involved in maintaining this site and answering the questions sent in. Most are graduate students at Cornell, and do this voluntarily, fitting it in around other work.

EMERGENCY.COM

http://www.emergency.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Crisis, Conflict, and Emergency Service News, Analysis and Reference: Emergency Net News offers 24 Hour News, Information, Analysis and Coverage of Disasters and Major Emergency Events

THE TERRORISM RESEARCH CENTER

http://www.terrorism.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Founded in 1996, the Terrorism Research Center, Inc. (TRC) is an independent institute dedicated to the research of terrorism, information warfare and security, critical infrastructure protection, homeland security, and other issues of low-intensity political violence and gray-area phenomena.

NEWSEUM THE INTERACTIVE MUSEUM OF NEWS

http://www.newseum.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The world's first interactive museum of news the Newseum opened in Arlington, Va., in 1997. Its mission was simple: to help the public and the news media understand one another better.

THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF NEWSPAPERS

http://www.wan-press.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Founded in 1948, the World Association of Newspapers groups 72 national newspaper associations, individual newspaper executives in 100 nations, 13 news agencies, and nine regional press organizations. It is a non-profit, non-government organization.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

THE ORIGINAL ILLUSTRATED CATALOG OF ACME PRODUCTS

http://home.nc.rr.com/tuco/looney/acme/acme.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Looney Tunes lovers, particularly Road Runner and Wile E. Coyote fans will love this one. Remember all those devices that the coyote ordered to try to capture the elusive Road Runner? Well, here they are!

MALLS OF AMERICA

http://mallsofamerica.blogspot.com/

VIA Skip Arey, Beverly, New Jersey

This is a website features malls of the 1950s and 1960s.

55 OPTICAL ILLUSIONS & VISUAL PHENOMENA

http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/index.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

No more hunting the web everyday for new and interesting eye trickeronics. Get them all right here in one spot!

STOP ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

http://www.stopabductions.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The thought screen helmet stops aliens from abducting humans. It's a tested device that works. This website tells you how to make a thought screen helmet, the materials and tools you need to make one, and where you can obtain the materials.

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THE 2005 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Friday, July 8 - Sunday, July 10
40th Annual International Ham Fest - Boissevain,
Manitoba
Location: International Peace Garden, between
Boissevain, Manitoba and Dunseith, North Dakota
Registration begins Friday, July 9 at 18h00 to
21h00, Saturday, July 9 from 09h00 to 21h00 and Sunday from 08h30 to
10h00. The registration fee is 13.00$ per person at par.
Talk-in: VE4IHF/W0 146.850 (-) or 146.520 simplex
Information: David Syndal, VE4XN at (204)-728-2463
E-mail: dsnydal@...
Web page: http://www.mts.net/~holderr

Saturday, July 9
Ontario Hamfest 2004 - Milton Ontario
Location: Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds, Milton ON
Time: Inside Vendors: 07h00 - Robert Street Gate only Tailgaters:
08h00 - Robert Street gate only
General Admission: 09h00 - Thomas St gate only.
Admission - 6.00$ Inside Vendors - 10.00$ per table plus 6.00$ per
person Tailgaters - 5.00$ tailgate permit (per space) + 6.00$ per
person.
Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex
E-mail: ve3czi@... or Norm at (905)-335-8962
Web Page: http://home.cogeco.ca/~barc

Friday, July 22 - Sunday July 24
Saskatchewan Centennial Hamfest 2005. - Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan
Location: Saskatoon Travelodge, 106 Circle Drive
West, Saskatoon, SK
Talk-in: 146.640 (-) and 146.970 (-)
E-mail: saskhamfest2005@sarl.ca
Web page: http://www.saskhamfest.com

Saturday, August 6
Hamfest de ARES- St. Romuald, Québec
Location: Arena St. Romuald, St. Romuald, QC
Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 15h00
Admission $5.00 - Tables $15.00
Talk-in: VE2RAG 145.450(-)
Information/reservations: Pierre Racine
E-mail: ve2coh@... TEL: 418-527-8680
Serge Berube, ve2bpu@...
418-839-4846
Fax: 418-839-3532
Web Page: http://www.aresqc.org
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Friday, August 19 - Saturday, August 20
10th Annual MARMFEST (Manitoba Amateur Radio Museum
Hamfest) - Austin, Manitoba
Location: The Heritage Building on the grounds of The
Manitoba Agricultural Museum, 75 miles west of Winnipeg
Friday Registration: 16h00-20h00 - Saturday
Registration: 08h30-13h00
Flea Market - Vendors 10h30 - public at 11h30
Registration 7.00$ - Flea market tables TBA

Talk-in: VE4MTR 146.910 (-)
Information: David Syndal, VE4XN at (204)-728-2463 or
E-mail: dsnydal@...
Web page: http://www.mts.net/~dsnydal/austin.html

Saturday, August 27
Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2004 - Manvers Township, Ontario
Location: Manvers Arena, Corner of Hwy. 35 & 7A (20 km south of Lindsay, Ontario and 35 km north of Newcastle, Ontario).
Times: Vendors 07h00, Tailgaters and Public 09h00
Admission $5.00 Vendor Tables $10 includes 1 admission, Tailgaters $5 includes 1 admission
Talk-in: VE3LNZ 147.195 (+)
Information E-mail: ve3kwi@...
or Anne Jones, VE3KWI, 405 Fleetwood Road, Janetville ON, L0B 1K0 or (705)324-0638
Web page: http://www.va3kvd.ca/vhara/hamfest.htm

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THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, entering our 43rd year of operation. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

Our July 2005 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas, or free by e-mail. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, now in it's 17th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

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